CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA - 1995

Initial Report of 1995 Uniform Crime Reporting Data¹

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The number of Crime Index offenses reported by North Carolina law enforcement agencies during 1995 increased 2 percent over 1994. Crime in suburban areas of North Carolina increased 1 percent, while crime in rural areas jumped 6 percent.

Collectively the number of violent Index offenses (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) increased 1 percent statewide. Individually, murder decreased 12 percent, rape showed no change and, robbery and aggravated assault each increased 1 percent.

Property crimes (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) as a group increased 3 percent across the state. While burglary dropped 2 percent, larceny was up 4 percent and motor vehicle theft rose 5 percent. Arson, a property crime not included with the other Index offenses, was down 6 percent.

The number of juveniles under the age of 18 arrested for Crime Index offenses increased 4 percent over 1994, compared to a 2 percent decrease in adults 18 and over arrested. Youths (arrested under 18) for violent crime decreased 1 percent, with adult arrests increasing 1 percent. The number of property crime arrests for juveniles under the age of 18 rose 4 percent, while adult arrests for all property crimes dropped 2 percent.

The number of North Carolina law enforcement officers assaulted increased 1 percent over 1994. In 1995, two law enforcement officers were feloniously killed, compared to the same number killed in 1994.

TABLE 1 - CRIME INDEX BY POPULATION GROUP

Percent change January - December 1995 over 1994, offenses known to the police.

Population Groups and Areas ²	Total Index³	Vio- lent	Prop- erty	Mur- der	Rape	Rob- bery	Agg. Assault	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	MVT	Arson ³
Core Cities	+1	-2	+2	-5	+1	0	-4	-3	+3	+9	-16
Suburban Cities	0	-2	+1	-32	-13	-2	0	-6	+3	+1	-24
Suburban Counties	+3	+4	+3	-10	-5	+9	+4	-3	+7	-4	-3
Suburban Areas	+1	-1	+2	-12	-2	0	-2	-4	+4	+5	-13
Rural Centers	+5	+10	+4	-10	+2	-6	+18	+3	+4	+16	+12
Rural Cities	-1	-1	-1	-49	+9	+9	-3	-5	+1	-2	-6
Rural Counties	+11	+13	+10	+3	+9	+23	+13	+7	+15	+4	+29
Rural Areas	+6	+8	+5	-13	+7	+5	+9	+3	+7	+5	+16
State Total	+2	+1	+3	-12	0	+1	+1	-2	+4	+5	-6

¹Detailed figures covering the entire state will be available in the annual publication entitled *Crime in North Carolina* - 1995.

Core Cities: City law enforcement agencies with populations of 50,000 or more within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Suburban Cities: City law enforcement agencies within a MSA exclusive of the core cities.

Suburban Counties: Sheriff's departments within a MSA. Suburban Areas: All law enforcement agencies within a MSA.

Rural Centers: City law enforcement agencies with populations of 10,000 or more outside a MSA.

Rural Cities: City law enforcement agencies outside a MSA exclusive of the rural centers.

Rural Counties: Sheriff's departments outside a MSA. Rural Areas: All law enforcement agencies outside a MSA.

³Index Crime includes the total number of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.) The number of reported arsons has not been included in the total Crime Index. See back page for offense definitions.

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²Population Groups and Areas:

TABLE 2 - CRIME INDEX

	1994	1995	% Change		1994	1995	% Change
Murder	758	667	-12	Aggravated Assault	29,890	30,243	+1
Rape	2,300	2,296	0	Larceny/Theft	222,179	231,920	+4
				Pocket-Picking	693	585	-16
Robbery	12,675	12,774	+1	Purse-Snatching	819	798	-3
Highways	5,647	5,674	+1	Shoplifting	29,699	28,918	-3
Commercial House	1,634	1,582	-3	From Motor Vehicles	46,521	52,147	+12
Gas/Service Station	204	179	-12	MV Parts & Accessories	29,139	26,903	-8
Convenience Store	920	946	+3	Bicycles	12,091	11,731	-3
Residence	1,895	2,045	+8	From Buildings	25,516	25,673	+1
Bank	189	156	-18	Coin Machines	2,532	2,311	-1
Miscellaneous	2,186	2,192	0	All Other	75,169	82,854	+10
Burglary	102,348	100,760	-2	MV Theft	21,044	22,124	+5
Residence Total	66,932	66,512	-1	Automobiles	14,675	15,799	+8
Night	14,417	13,579	-6	Trucks/Buses	3,382	3,241	-4
Day	22,565	21,784	-4	Other Vehicles	2,987	3,084	+3
Unknown Time	29,950	31,149	+4				
Non-Residence Total	35,416	34,248	-3	Arson	2,755	2,582	-6
Night	12,106	10,399	-14	Structural Property	2,007	1,933	-4
Day	3,647	3,625	-1	Mobile Property	345	359	+4
Unknown Time	19,663	20,224	+3	All Other (Crops, Timber)	403	290	-28

TABLE 3 - VIOLENT CRIME BY WEAPON

	1994	1995	% Change		1994	1995	% Change
Murder				Rape			
Handgun	388	348	-10	Firearm	184	174	-5
Shotgun	40	59	+48	Knife/Cutting Instrument	206	171	-17
Rifle	49	36	-27	Blunt Object	19	14	-26
Other/Undeter. Firearms	26	30	+15	Other Weapon	19	22	+16
Knife/Cutting Instrument	107	86	-20	Unknown	74	95	+28
Blunt Object	22	22	0	Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	1,798	1,820	+1
Other Weapon	38	30	-21	Total	2,300	2,296	0
Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	38	29	-24				
Unknown	50	27	-46				
Total	758	667	-12				
Robbery				Aggravated Assault			
Firearm	5,481	5,818	+6	Firearm	9,368	8,885	-5
Knife/Cutting Instrument	985	934	-5	Knife/Cutting Instrument	5,848	5,787	-1
Other Dangerous Weapon	1,192	1,164	-2	Other Dangerous Weapon	8,103	8,567	+6
Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	5,017	4,858	-3	Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	6,571	7,004	+7
Total	12,675	12,774	+1	Total	29,890	30,243	+1

TABLE 4 - MURDER - RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER

	1994	1995		1994	1995	% Change ¹
Husband/Common-Law	18	13	Acquaintance	264	214	
Wife/Common-Law	31	23	Friend	30	27	
Ex-Husband	0	1	Boyfriend	12	12	
Ex-Wife	4	4	Girlfriend	32	25	
Mother/Stepmother	5	5	Neighbor	6	2	
Father/Stepfather	10	8	Employer	1	0	
Son/Stepson	6	6	Other Known	16	32	
Daughter/Stepdaughter	9	6	Total Known to Victim	466	407	-13
Brother/Stepbrother	4	12	Stranger	72	69	-4
Sister/Stepsister	1	0	Unable to Determine	220	191	-13
Other Family	17	17	Total	758	667	-12

¹Due to small numbers, percent change is only calculated on the last four categories.

TABLE 5 - CRIME INDEX FOR SELECTED CITIES AND COUNTIES

City Total % Change	YR	Total Index	Vio- lent	Prop- erty	Mur- der	Rape	Rob- bery	Agg. Aslt.	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	MVT	Arson
Asheville	94	5,808	568	5,240	12	36	170	350	1,181	3,652	407	8
-12	95	5,093	554	4,539	12	48	157	337	1,018	3,166	355	11
Cary	94	2,102	105	1,997	3	8	28	66	370	1,552	75	30
+5	95	2,210	85	2,125	2	6	29	48	381	1,671	73	16
Charlotte-Mecklenburg	94	51,057	9,102	41,955	87	350	2,713	5,952	10,326	28,469	3,160	420
+2	95	52,110	9,228	42,882	89	366	2,949	5,824	9,959	29,273	3,650	345
Durham	94	15,550	1,729	13,821	35	78	848	768	4,729	7,918	1,174	83
+2	95	15,866	1,835	14,031	24	82	904	825	4,522	8,376	1,133	64
Fayetteville 0	94	10,482	1,840	8,642	15	88	488	1,249	2,183	5,810	649	40
	95	10,481	1,662	8,819	19	64	484	1,095	2,098	5,972	749	61
Gastonia	94	5,702	757	4,945	14	27	235	481	1,173	3,504	268	33
+2	95	5,835	703	5,132	12	28	236	427	1,122	3,760	250	32
Goldsboro	94	4,295	614	3,681	7	25	158	424	810	2,670	201	13
-5	95	4,072	632	3,440	8	20	148	456	731	2,525	184	15
Greensboro	94	16,998	2,007	14,991	21	89	767	1,130	3,245	10,787	959	125
+6	95	18,044	2,098	15,946	36	88	785	1,189	3,671	11,067	1,208	133
Greenville	94	5,131	513	4,618	13	28	204	268	1,458	2,908	252	30
+6	95	5,423	517	4,906	4	27	227	259	1,389	3,302	215	11
High Point	94	6,977	1,049	5,928	14	36	326	673	1,896	3,596	436	56
+1	95	7,073	894	6,179	11	26	280	577	1,861	3,893	425	42
Jacksonville	94 95	3,125 2,683	271 277	2,854 2,406	4 2	26 28	88 73	153 174	779 499	1,963 1,817	112 90	22 8
Raleigh	94	16,522	2,170	14,352	30	89	825	1,226	3,546	9,791	1,015	87
+6	95	17,523	2,039	15,484	18	104	648	1,269	3,682	10,565	1,237	103
Rocky Mount	94	5,967	659	5,308	8	28	260	363	1,456	3,593	259	13
	95	5,346	699	4,647	16	28	216	439	1,236	3,189	222	17
Wilmington	94	6,881	672	6,209	2	32	233	405	1,605	4,196	408	62
+3	95	7,087	575	6,512	7	32	225	311	1,490	4,603	419	42
Winston-Salem	94	19,468	2,680	16,788	41	142	969	1,528	4,905	10,665	1,218	228
+1	95	19,636	2,398	17,238	23	142	926	1,307	4,644	11,304	1,290	144
County Total % Change	YR	Total Index	Vio- lent	Prop- erty	Mur- der	Rape	Rob- bery	Agg. Aslt.	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	MVT	Arson
Buncombe	94	2,240	295	1,945	4 3	10	28	253	697	1,103	145	2
-1	95	2,207	284	1,923		14	24	243	705	1,076	142	22
Cumberland	94	10,812	902	9,910	26	107	286	483	3,138	5,858	914	130
	95	10,707	841	9,866	13	93	277	458	3,073	6,005	788	136
Davidson	94	2,485	204	2,281	8	22	16	158	1,001	1,182	98	24
+1	95	2,510	144	2,366	2	14	23	105	1,051	1,211	104	28
Forsyth	94	3,642	296	3,346	2 0	23	39	232	1,225	1,990	131	89
+3	95	3,764	362	3,402		19	44	299	1,018	2,258	126	75
Gaston	94	2,529	314	2,215	6	20	34	254	930	1,142	143	30
+5	95	2,652	364	2,288	8	21	29	306	907	1,250	131	40
Guilford	94	3,606	299	3,307	1	14	39	245	1,153	1,986	168	27
+5	95	3,771	403	3,368	6	15	56	326	1,107	2,100	161	34
Randolph	94	2,149	121	2,028	7	12	12	90	825	1,115	88	8
-1	95	2,135	119	2,016	0	8	13	98	698	1,228	90	11
Robeson	94	1,471	196	1,275	15	7 8	13	161	723	475	77	14
+7	95	1,568	220	1,348	16		15	181	761	515	72	14
Rowan +1	94 95	1,782 1,806	163 236	1,619 1,570	3 3	12 14	15 12	133 207	616 617	885 873	118 80	23
Wake	94	3,443	295	3,148	3 6	26	57	209	1,237	1,674	237	72
-11	95	3,048	282	2,766		31	60	185	975	1,562	229	41

TABLE 6 - ARREST TOTALS BY OFFENSE AND AGE

	Ju	veniles Under	18	A	dults 18 & Ov	ver	All	Ages
Offense Category	1994 Juv. Arrests	1995 Juv. Arrests	94/95 Percent Change	1994 Adult Arrests	1995 Adult Arrests	94/95 Percent Change	1994 Total Arrests	1995 Total Arrests
Murder	83	90	+8	677	667	-1	760	757
Forcible Rape	95	79	-17	706	664	-6	801	743
Robbery	792	899	+14	3,077	3,178	+3	3,869	4,077
Aggravated Assault	2,265	2,140	-6	18,335	18,530	+1	20,600	20,670
Subtotal - Violent	3,233	3,208	-1	22,797	23,039	+1	26,030	26,247
Burglary	3,876	3,971	+2	12,576	12,111	-4	16,452	16,082
Larceny	8,980	9,634	+7	30,760	29,674	-4	39,740	39,308
Motor Vehicle Theft	787	815	+4	1,583	1,598	+1	2,370	2,413
Subtotal - Property	13,642	14,420	+6	44,920	43,383	-3	58,562	57,803
Subtotal - Index Crime	16,875	17,628	+4	67,717	66,422	-2	84,592	84,050
Arson	231	152	-34	292	282	-3	523	434
Manslaughter	10	5	-50	38	40	+5	48	45
Simple Assault	5,804	6,577	+13	42,214	46,645	+10	48,018	53,222
Forgery, etc.	203	164	-19	4,532	4,089	-10	4,735	4,253
Fraud	749	906	+21	49,881	51,990	+4	50,630	52,896
Embezzlement	141	183	+30	1,831	1,826	-0	1,972	2,009
Stolen Property	1,353	1,375	+2	5,290	5,244	-1	6,643	6,619
Vandalism	2,756	2,621	-5	7,775	7,866	+1	10,531	10,487
Weapons	1,679	1,595	-5	7,853	7,101	-10	9,532	8,696
Prostitution	10	6	-40	967	850	-12	977	856
Sex Offenses	253	308	+22	2,364	2,358	-0	2,617	2,666
Drug Laws	3,121	4,011	+29	29,306	30,116	+3	32,427	34,127
Gambling	22	21	-5	447	353	-21	469	374
Offenses Against Family	107	95	-11	6,161	7,059	+15	6,268	7,154
DWI	1,003	896	-11	75,349	67,751	-10	76,352	68,647
Liquor Laws	1,473	1,409	-4	8,435	7,138	-15	9,908	8,547
Disorderly Conduct	2,928	3,162	+8	13,013	12,079	-7	15,941	15,241
Vagrancy	31	34	+10	157	138	-12	188	172
All Other Offenses	9,405	10,479	+11	117,595	118,331	+1	127,000	128,810
Curfews - Loitering	82	94	+15	0	0	NA	82	94
Runaways	1,886	2,025	+7	0	0	NA	1,886	2,025
Subtotal - Non-Index	33,250	36,118	+9	373,497	371,256	-1	406,747	407,374
Grand Total	50,125	53,746	+7	441,214	437,678	-1	491,339	491,424

TABLE 7 - CRIME INDEX ARRESTS - JUVENILES 15 & UNDER 1991 - 1995

Juveniles 15 & Under	Total Index	Vio- lent	Prop- erty	Mur- der	Rape	Rob- bery	Agg. Assault	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	MVT	Arson
1991	6,283	864	5,419	19	28	159	658	1,459	3,691	269	115
1992	6,569	937	5,632	23	29	149	736	1,442	3,873	317	153
1993	6,644	1,070	5,574	25	36	210	799	1,412	3,836	326	145
1994	7,282	1,104	6,178	13	46	239	806	1,479	4,326	373	165
1995	7,575	1,077	6,498	16	38	241	782	1,504	4,579	415	108
91/95 % Change	+21	+25	+20	-16	+36	+52	+19	+3	+24	+54	-6

HATE CRIME REPORTING

In response to a growing concern about hate crimes, the President of the U.S. signed into law on April 23, 1990, the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990. The Act required the U.S. Attorney General to establish guidelines and collect, through the UCR Program, data "about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, including where appropriate the crimes of murder, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson and destruction or vandalism of property."

The enactment of Federal legislation requiring the collection and publication of nationwide hate crime statistics prompted the N.C. General Assembly to pass hate crime legislation. This legislation allows for stiffer penalties for crimes committed solely on the basis of hate and provided funding for the N.C. Justice Academy to train law enforcement agencies in hate crime reporting. The N.C. Justice Academy began training law enforcement agencies during the fall of 1992. This training continues statewide and is required to participate in hate crime reporting.

The Division of Criminal Information (DCI) provides assistance to agencies in hate crime reporting by providing forms, reporting assistance and statistical analysis. From 1992 through 1994, DCI received a limited number of hate crime reports. However, the number of law enforcement agencies involved in the collection of hate crime data is increasing. In 1995, fifty-nine agencies reported 52 hate crime incidents to DCI. While this limited participation is not sufficient to allow valid statewide measures of the volume and types of crimes motivated by hate, these reports do offer perspectives on the general nature of hate crime occurrences. These reports are represented in Tables 8, 9 and 10.

TABLE 8 - NUMBER OF HATE CRIME INCIDENTS, OFFENSES, VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS BY BIAS MOTIVATION - 1995¹

59 Agencies Reporting, 31.7 Percent Population Coverage²

	Number of Incidents	Number of Offenses	Number of Victims	Number of Known Offenders
Total	52	65	63	65
Bias Motivation				
Race:	44	55	54	60
Anti-White	10	11	11	28
Anti-Black	30	38	37	29
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2	3	3	2
Anti-Multi-Racial Group	2	3	3	1
Ethnicity/National Origin:	0	0	0	0
Anti-Hispanic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	0	0	0	0
Religion:	5	7	6	0
Anti-Jewish	1	1	1	0
Anti-Catholic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Protestant	2	4	2	0
Anti-Islamic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Other Religion	2	2	3	0
Anti-Multi-Religious Group	0	0	0	0
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation:	3	3	3	5
Anti-Male Homosexual	3	3	3	5
Anti-Female Homosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Homosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Heterosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Bisexual	0	0	0	0

¹Criminal incidents can involve more than one offense, victim or offender. For counting purposes, one offense is counted for each victim of a "crime against persons." One offense is counted for each distinct operation of "crime against property," regardless of the number of victims. See Table 10 for a listing of "crimes against persons" and of "crimes against property." The total number of victims in a given incident is the sum of victims associated with each offense that took place within the incident.

²Statewide population coverage under the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, excluding Hate Crime Reporting, averaged 98.5% in 1995.

TABLE 9 - LOCATION OF HATE CRIME INCIDENTS BY BIAS MOTIVATION - 1995

59 Agencies Reporting, 31.7 Percent Population Coverage

	Race	Ethnicity/ National Origin	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Total Incidents
Total	44	0	5	3	52
Location					
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	0	0	0	0	0
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0	0	0	0
Bar/Night Club	1	0	0	0	1
Church/Synagogue/Temple	0	0	4	0	4
Commercial/Office Building	0	0	1	0	1
Construction Site	0	0	0	0	0
Convenience Store	0	0	0	0	0
Department/Discount Store	1	0	0	0	1
Drug Store/Dr.'s Office/Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Field/Woods	2	0	0	0	1
Government/Public Building	0	0	0	0	0
Grocery/Supermarket	1	0	0	0	1
Highway/Road/Alley/Street	11	0	0	3	14
Hotel/Motel/Etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Jail/Prison	0	0	0	0	0
Lake/Waterway	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Store	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Lot/Garage	3	0	0	0	3
Rental Storage Facility	0	0	0	0	0
Residence/Home	12	0	0	0	12
Restaurant	3	0	0	0	3
School/College	9	0	0	0	9
Service/Gas Station	0	0	0	0	0
Specialty Store (TV, Fur, Etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	1	0	0	0	1

TABLE 10 - NUMBER OF HATE CRIME OFFENSES BY SUSPECTED OFFENDER'S RACE - 1995

59 Agencies Reporting, 31.7 Percent Population Coverage

	White	Black	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Mult- Racial Group	Unknown	Total Offenses
Total	38	12	0	0	2	13	65
Offense Type							
Crimes Against Persons:	31	9	0	0	2	4	46
Murder	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	7	2	0	0	2	0	11
Simple Assault	6	7	0	0	0	1	14
Intimidation	16	0	0	0	0	3	19
Crimes Against Property:	7	3	0	0	0	9	19
Robbery	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism	6	1	0	0	0	7	14

See footnotes under Table 8.

TABLE 11 - NORTH CAROLINA INDEX CRIME TRENDS 1986 - 1995

Offense	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Index Crime ¹	266,415	290,850	310,152	341,363	353,646	389,448	389,657	384,905	391,194	400,784
Rate per 100,000	4,398.8	4,722.8	4,971.7	5,390.2	5,520.2	5,999.6	5,945.3	5,792.1	5,753.6	5,778.6
Violent Crime ²	29,294	30,376	32,254	35,795	40,065	43,575	45,853	46,448	45,623	45,980
Rate per 100,000	483.7	493.2	517.0	565.2	625.4	671.3	699.6	699.0	671.0	662.9
Murder ³	510	514	511	615	691	773	710	788	758	667
Rate per 100,000	8.4	8.3	8.2	9.7	10.8	11.9	10.8	11.9	11.1	9.6
Rape ⁴	1,631	1,828	1,830	2,035	2,219	2,292	2,418	2,330	2,300	2,296
Rate per 100,000	26.9	29.7	29.3	32.1	34.6	35.3	36.9	35.1	33.8	33.1
Robbery ⁵	5,437	5,919	6,955	8,772	9,913	11,704	12,611	13,188	12,675	12,774
Rate per 100,000	89.8	96.1	111.5	138.5	154.7	180.3	192.4	198.5	186.4	184.2
Agg. Assault ⁶	21,716	22,115	22,958	24,373	27,242	28,806	30,114	30,142	29,890	30,243
Rate per 100,000	358.6	359.1	368.0	384.9	425.2	443.8	459.5	453.6	439.6	436.0
Property Crime ⁷	237,121	260,474	277,898	305,568	313,581	345,873	343,804	388,457	345,571	354,804
Pate per 100,000	3,915.2	4,229.6	4,454.7	4,825.0	4,894.8	5,328.3	5,245.7	5,093.1	5,082.6	5,115.6
Burglary ⁸	75,406	85,004	89,061	98,197	98,554	112,053	111,067	103,110	102,348	100,760
Rate per 100,000	1,245.0	1,380.3	1,427.6	1,550.6	1,538.4	1,726.2	1,694.6	1,551.6	1,505.3	1,452.8
Larceny ⁹	148,861	161,431	172,824	188,794	196,687	213,946	213,477	215,679	222,179	231,920
Rate per 100,000	2,457.9	2,621.3	2,770.4	2,981.1	3,070.2	3,295.9	3,257.2	3,245.5	3,267.7	3,343.9
MV Theft ¹⁰	12,854	14,039	16,013	18,577	18,340	19,874	19,260	19,668	21,044	22,124
Rate per 100,000	212.2	228.0	256.7	293.3	286.3	306.2	293.9	296.0	309.5	319.0
Arson ¹¹	2,044	2,137	2,142	2,285	2,464	2,784	2,623	2,466	2,755	2,582
Rate per 100,000	33.7	34.7	34.3	36.1	38.5	42.9	40.0	37.1	40.5	37.2
Average % of										
Pop. Coverage	95.7%	96.7%	97.3%	98.8%	98.1%	97.8%	97.7%	97.5%	97.8%	98.5%
Est. Population										
Coverage	6,056,485	6,158,409	6,238,298	6,333,021	6,406,402	6,491,249	6,554,048	6,645,394	6,799,165	6,935,705

¹Index Crime includes the total number of murders, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts. While arson is considered an Index crime, the number of arsons is not included in the Crime Index tables.

²Violent crime includes the offenses of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

³Murder - The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another.

⁴Forcible Rape - The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force are also included.

⁵Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

⁶Aggravated Assault - An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily harm. Includes attempted assaults.

⁷Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

⁸Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. Includes attempted forcible entry.

⁹Larceny - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

¹⁰Motor Vehicle Theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

¹¹Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without the intent to defraud.